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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: COMMENTS BY SAUDI DEFENSE MINISTER

1. AT A DINNER LAST EVENING GIVEN BY THE EASTERN PROVINCE GOVERNOR, AMIR ABDUL MUHSEN BIN JILUWI, IN HONOR OF PRINCE SULTAN BIN ABDUL AZIZ, THE DEFENSE MINISTER TOLD ME HE WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE CURRENT WASHINGTON SCENE AND THE OUTLOOK FOR THE F-15 SALE SOON AFTER HE RETURNS TO RIYADH. HE PLANS TO LEAVE FOR IRAQ THIS MORNING, APRIL 17, AND TO RETURN TO RIYADH THURSDAY APRIL 20.

2. PRINCE SULTAN APPEARED TO BE WELL BRIEFED ON AND APPRECIATIVE OF THE VISITS BY AIR FORCE SECRETARY STETSON AND GENERAL GRAVES OF THE DEFENSE SECURITY ASSISTANCE AGENCY. HE COMMENTED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER SEEMS THUS FAR TO BE DETERMINED TO WIN THE F-15 STRUGGLE AND THAT PRIME MINISTER BEGIN HAS HELPED BY PRESSING THE US TOO HARD OR CLUMSILY AND BY HIS OVER-REACTION IN SOUTH LEBANON.
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